

BRANDEIS IS URGED ON SENATE BY WILSON

President Writes Warm Letter in Support of His Nominee for the Supreme Court.

DISMISSES EVERY CHARGE

Lauds His "Extraordinary Ability" and His Love of Justice—Quotes Former Chief Justice Fuller, Who Was Ardent in His Admiration.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—President Wilson has taken a hand in the fight for and against the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, to be associate justice of the Supreme Court by writing a long letter to Senator Culberson, of Texas, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, asking for a favorable report. The correspondence between the President and Mr. Culberson, which was given out at the White House, shows that Mr. Brandeis had none of the usual indorsements for the nomination. The committee had asked the Attorney-General for the reasons for the nomination, and when Mr. Gregory replied that the department had no papers on the case, Mr. Culberson carried his inquiry to the President.

This inquiry the President answered by writing that he had asked no indorsements and depended on none, but he acted upon public opinion and personal acquaintance with the man, and preferred to name a lawyer for this great office whose abilities and character were so widely recognized that he needed no indorsements.

He added that he had dealt with Mr. Brandeis in the matter of the question of honor and fair play, as well as large questions of justice and the public benefit were involved. He had found Mr. Brandeis's counsel "singularly enlightening, singularly clear-sighted and judicial, and, above all, full of moral stimulation."

The President in his letter paid little attention to the many charges against Mr. Brandeis, which he said he had investigated when he wanted Mr. Brandeis to enter his Cabinet. The President's letter lays stress on Mr. Brandeis's part in settling the disputes between garment workers and manufacturers in New York City, his fight for cheaper gas in Boston, and his opposition to the Boston Elevated Company when the question of ninety-nine-year leases was under consideration.

The President said that the charges against Mr. Brandeis, threw more light on the character of those making them up than upon the qualifications of Mr. Brandeis, showing that they hated him for his refusal to serve their selfish purposes. His letter says that "the report of your subcommittee has already made it plain to you and to the country at large how unfounded those charges were."

Exactly what the President meant by the subcommittee's "report" is not plain, as it has submitted none. After exhaustive hearings that lasted many weeks the committee members were so far apart that even those supporting Mr. Brandeis could not agree upon their reasons. In the end, the members submitted separate "views," two of which pronounced Mr. Brandeis ethically unfit for the office of Supreme Court Justice, and three advocated his confirmation.

SENATOR CULBERSON'S LETTER OF INQUIRY

Senator Culberson's letter to the President follows:

Washington, D. C., May 6, 1916.

Dear Mr. President:—As you are aware, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate has under consideration the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In response to the formal and usual request of the committee made to the Attorney-General for all papers in the possession of his department touching this nomination, he replied that there were no such documents in his department.

Inasmuch as this request usually results in the presentation to the Committee on the Judiciary of papers showing the reasons which actuated the President in making the nomination, I would be glad to have you state these reasons for the benefit of the committee, in case you see no objection to so doing.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. CULBERSON

PRESIDENT WILSON'S DEFENSE OF BRANDEIS

In answer to Senator Culberson the President wrote as follows:

The White House, Washington, May 6, 1916.

My Dear Senator:—I am very much obliged to you for giving me an opportunity to make a statement to the Judiciary Committee my reasons for nominating Mr. Louis D. Brandeis to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court of the United States, created by the death of Mr. Justice Lansing. For I am profoundly interested in the confirmation of the appointment by the Senate.

There is probably no more important duty imposed upon the President in connection with the general administration of the government than that of naming members of the Supreme Court, and I need hardly tell you that I named Mr. Brandeis as a member of that great tribunal only because I knew him to be singularly qualified by learning, gift and by character for the position.

Many charges have been made against Mr. Brandeis. The report of your subcommittee has already made it plain to you and to the country at large how unfounded those charges were. They threw a great deal more light upon the character and motives of those with whom they originated than upon the qualifications of Mr. Brandeis. I myself looked into them three years ago when I desired to make Mr. Brandeis a member of my Cabinet, and found that they proceeded for the most part from those who hated Mr. Brandeis because he had refused to be servicable to them in the promotion of their own selfish interests, and from those with whom they had prejudiced and misled. The propaganda in this matter has been very extraordinary and very distressing to those who love fairness and value the dignity of the great profession.

I perceived from the first that the charges were intrinsically incredible by any one who had really known Mr. Brandeis. I have known him. I have tested him by seeking his advice upon some of the most difficult and perplexing public questions about which it was necessary for me to form a judgment. I have dealt with him in matters where nice questions of honor and fair play, as well as large questions of justice and the public benefit were involved.

rect personal knowledge of the man, what I was doing when I named him for the highest and most responsible tribunal of the nation.

EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY

Of his extraordinary ability as a lawyer no man who is competent to judge can speak with anything but the highest admiration. You will remember that in the opinion of the late Chief Justice Fuller he was the ablest man who ever appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States. "He is also," the chief justice added, "absolutely fearless in the discharge of his duties."

Those who have resorted to him for assistance in settling great industrial disputes can testify to his fairness and love of justice. In the troublesome controversies between the garment workers and manufacturers of New York City, for example, he gave a truly remarkable proof of his judicial temperament, and had what must have been the great satisfaction of rendering decisions which both sides were willing to accept as disinterested and even-handed.

Mr. Brandeis has rendered many notable services to the city and State with which his professional life has been identified. He successfully directed the difficult campaign which resulted in obtaining cheaper gas for the city of Boston. It was chiefly under his guidance and through his efforts that legislation was secured in Massachusetts which authorized savings banks to issue insurance policies for small sums at much reduced rates.

And some gentlemen who tried very hard to obtain control by the Boston Elevated Railway Company of the subways of the city for a period of ninety-nine years can probably testify as to his ability as the people's advocate when public interests call for an effective champion. He rendered these services without compensation, and earned, whether he got it or not, the gratitude of every citizen of the State and city he served. These are but a few of the services of this kind he has freely rendered. It will be heartened friends of community and public rights throughout the country to see his quality signally recognized by his elevation to the Supreme Bench. For the whole country is aware of his quality and is interested in this appointment.

I did not in making choice of Mr. Brandeis ask for or depend upon "indorsements." I acted upon public knowledge and personal acquaintance with the man, and preferred to name a lawyer for this great office whose abilities and character were so widely recognized that he needed no indorsement. I did, however, personally consult with many men in which judgment I had great confidence, and am happy to say was supported in my selection by the voluntary recommendation of the Attorney-General of the United States, who urged that Mr. Brandeis upon my consideration independently of any suggestion from me.

Let me say, by way of summing up, my dear Senator, that I nominated Mr. Brandeis for the Supreme Court because it was and in my deliberate judgment that of all the men now at the bar whom it has been my privilege to observe, test, and know, he is exceptionally qualified. I cannot speak too highly of his impartial, impersonal, orderly, and constructive mind, his rare analytical powers, his deep human sympathy, his profound acquaintance with the historical roots of our institutions and insight, into their spirit, or of the many evidences he has given of being imbued, to the very heart, with our American ideals of justice and equality of opportunity; of his knowledge of modern economic conditions and of the way they bear upon the masses of the people, or of his genius in getting people, or of his common and harmonious action and look with frank and kindly eyes into each other's minds, who had before been heated antagonists.

This friend of justice and of men will ornament the high court of which we are all so justly proud. I am glad to have had the opportunity to pay him this tribute of admiration and confidence, and I beg that your committee will accept this nomination as coming from me quick with a sense of public obligation and responsibility. With warmest regard, Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

The Hon. Charles A. Culberson, United States Senate.

NURSES TO GRADUATE

Commencement Exercises of Retreat Take Place on Tuesday Evening at Masonic Temple.

The commencement exercises of the Retreat for the Sick will be held Tuesday evening at 8:15 in the Masonic Temple.

Dr. Beverly Tucker will address the graduating class. The diploma and class pins will be delivered by Drs. W. T. Oppenheimer and Ben Rosebro.

The graduating class consists of six nurses, namely: Miss Alice Ryland, of Florida; Miss Lucy Jeffrey, of Virginia; Miss Mabel Vaughan, of Virginia; Miss Alese Hardaway, of Virginia; Miss Myrtle Pleasant, of Virginia, and Miss Mary Wright, of Virginia.

V. M. I. COMMENCEMENT PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Governor Stuart and General Albert L. Mills Will Present Medals—General Barrett to Speak

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, VA., May 13.—The commencement program of the Virginia Military Institute has just been announced. The exercises will begin on June 17, and the final day will be June 21. Governor Henry C. Stuart will present the medal of the Society of Cincinnati to the most distinguished graduate of the class of 1916. General Albert L. Mills, United States Army, formerly superintendent of the Military Academy at West Point, will present the Jackson-Hope medals.

The address to the graduates will be delivered by General George Barnett, commandant, United States Marine Corps. First Cadet Captain H. B. Holmes, Jr., of Newport News, Va., has been chosen by the class of 1916 as valedictorian. The Rev. William H. Milton, of Wilmington, N. C., a member of the class of 1888, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, June 18.

The final exercises this year will be the last public celebration to be held in old Jackson Memorial Hall. By the opening of another session, the new Jackson Hall will have been completed, and the present one converted into dormitories.

ammations will begin on May 26. General Nichols left to-day for New York, where he will be the principal speaker at the annual dinner on Monday night of the New York Chapter, Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association.

Columbia University, New York, has designated the Virginia Military Institute as one of a selected number of colleges and technical schools of high rank to fill annually a fellowship in the Columbia School of Mines, Engineering and Chemistry.

Cadet William Lohmeyer, of Charleston, W. Va., has been named by the academic board to the fellowship from the Virginia Military Institute for next session.

Colonel Henry C. Ford, professor of history, has been chosen one of the delegates from Rockbridge County to the State Democratic Convention in Roanoke.

The Bulletin is the most recent publication to be issued at Virginia Military Institute. It is published under the auspices of the 1917 Bomb staff, of which Cadet M. G. Murre, of Richmond, is head. The little volume is a Virginia Military Institute handbook, and contains information about every phase of institute life.

The annual hike of the cadets will start on Monday. The corps will march to Buena Vista, Glasgow, Point of Rocks and Natural Bridge, returning to Lexington on May 20. The final ex-

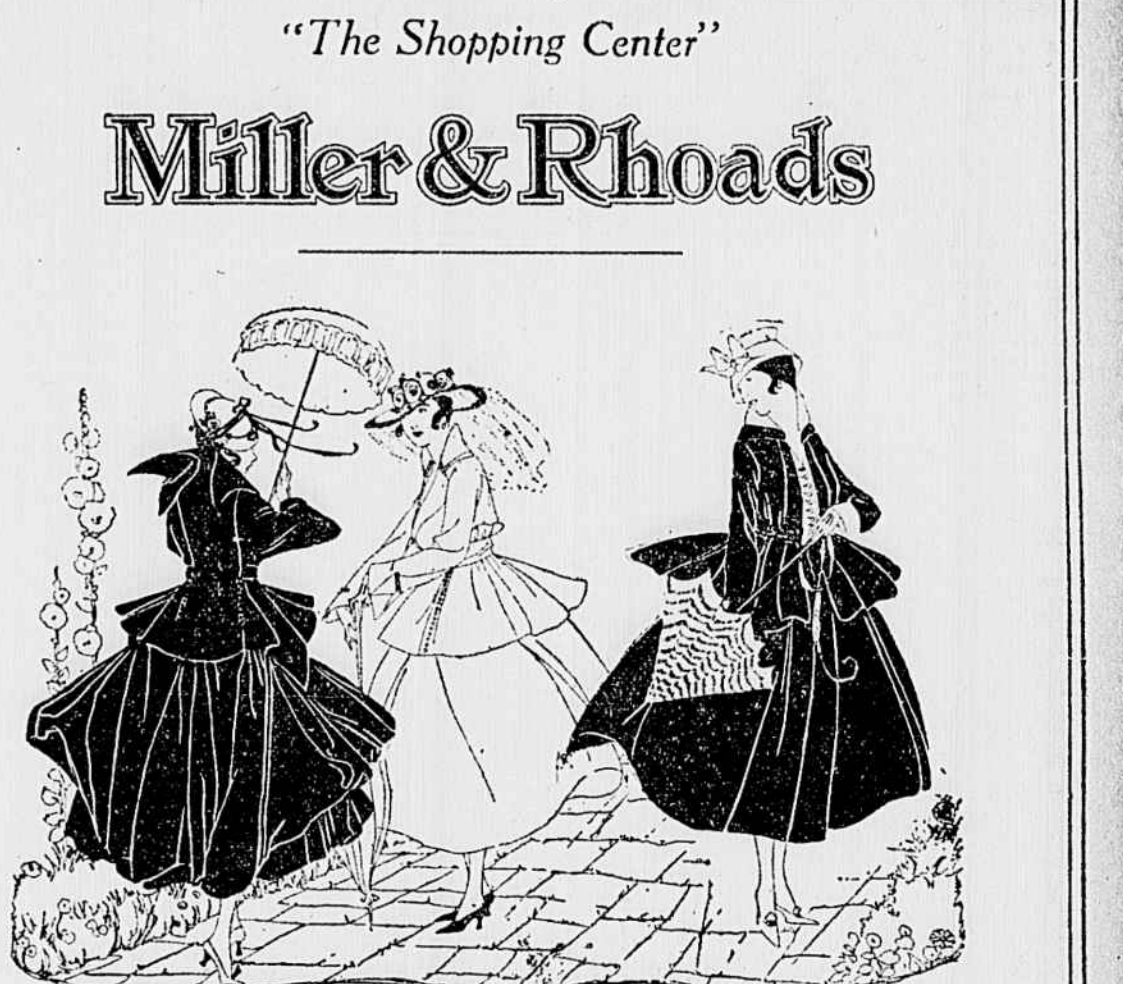
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BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Richmond Assembly to Meet in St. James Church Parish House

To-Morrow Night. Rev. E. E. Osgood and Rev. Hugh Sublett will address the Richmond Assembly.

sembly, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at the quarterly meeting Monday at 8:15 o'clock. At the invitation of St. James Chapter, the meeting will be held in the parish house of St. James Church, corner of Birch and Franklin streets. The Junior Assembly will meet with the assembly.



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A great many are "Sample Suits, meaning HURRY, for of these there are but one or two of a kind! Becoming styles and all sizes for women 34 to 44 bust measure, and for the miss of 16 to 20 years. Anticipating a big demand for these Suits Monday, we urge all those desiring a fine Bargain to make their selections early.

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And so light (one weighs less than 16 ounces) and pliant that a coat may be rolled up and carried in one's pocket. STYLISH, too! They come in pretty shades of green, red, lavender, etc. Priced \$18.50.

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"SAMPLES"—so very few of a kind. Popular materials and colors for street and afternoon wear, walking, driving or sports.

Values quite unusual, so don't miss seeing them.

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I discovered a vegetable compound that does the work of dangerous, sickening calomel and I want every reader of this paper to try a bottle and if it doesn't straighten you up better and quicker than salivating calomel just go back to the store and get your money.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your thirty feet of bowels of the sour bile and constipation poison which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable.

I guarantee that one spoonful of this harmless liquid liver medicine will relieve the headache, biliousness, coated tongue, ague, malaria, sour stomach or any other distress caused by a torpid liver as quickly as a dose of vile, nauseating calomel, besides it will not make you sick or keep you from

a day's work. I want to see a bottle of this wonderful liver medicine in every home here.

Calomel is poison—it's mercury—it attacks the bones, often causing rheumatism. Calomel is dangerous. It sickens—while my Dodson's Liver Tone is safe, pleasant and harmless. Eat anything afterwards, because it can not salivate. Give it to the children because it doesn't upset the stomach or shock the liver. Take a spoonful tonight and wake up feeling fine and ready for a full day's work.

Get a bottle! Try it! If it doesn't do exactly what I say, tell your dealer to hand your money back. Every druggist and store keeper here knows me and knows of my wonderful discovery of a vegetable medicine that takes the place of dangerous calomel.